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SHORT COMMUNICATION

***Heleodromia irwini* Wagner (Diptera: Empididae), an English boreo-alpine relict?** – *Heleodromia irwini* was first described (Wagner, 1985, A revision of the genus *Heleodromia* (Diptera, Empididae) in Europe. *Aquatic Insects* **7**: 33–43) from material collected on shingle and sand around the Dorback Burn [VC 95] and the European Alps. These and subsequent records from the Rivers Dee, River Lui and in Glen Derry (Falk & Crossley, 2005. A review of the scarce and threatened flies of Great Britain. Part 3: Empidoidea. *Species Status* **3**: 1–134. JNCC, Peterborough) suggest an exclusively boreo-alpine distribution with adults associated with exposed marginal sediments of upland rivers and streams. On 8.vii.2005 I found a male specimen at the edge of a narrow, shallow stream passing through an area of 'sugar' limestone but which originated from a small area of blanket bog immediately upstream on Widdybank Fell, Upper Teesdale (NZ 8130, VC 66). Upper Teesdale is well known for its relict boreo-alpine fauna and flora and it is suggested that this isolated occurrence of *H. irwini*, well removed from its Scottish and Alpine populations may be indicative of a post-glacial relict population marooned by retreating ice at the end of the last glaciation. – ADRIAN PLANT, Department of Biodiversity and Systematic Biology, National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, CF10 3NP.